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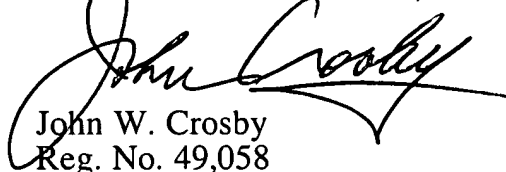
In the Office action mailed 7/23/04, claims 7, 16, and 25 were allowed. Claims 3, 4, 12, 13, 21 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in dependent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended herein claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3, thus in accordance with the Examiner's statements rendering claim 1 allowable; cancelled claim 3 and amended claim 4 to depend directly from claim 1. Similar amendments were made to claims 10, 12 and 13 as well as claims 19, 21 and 22. Applicant submits that the remaining dependent claims, all depending from independent claims amended to be allowable in accordance with the Office action mailed 7/23/04, are allowable by inheriting all limitations from their respective base claims.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that the claims are currently in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests Examiner to place the present application in condition for allowance. If Examiner feels that there are any matters that may be resolved by telephone, Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at Examiner's earliest convenience.

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